

## POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

August 9, 2012

As was report last Tuesday at the council meeting the police department has been working with CBI and DEA over the last several months. With their help of money and manpower we were able to conduct two drug investigations resulting in charges in both cases for distribution of Methamphetamine. Feliciano Diaz was arrested on August 1<sup>st</sup> and Kenneth Kloeppel was arrested on July 31<sup>st</sup>. As of Tuesday both were still in jail on \$60,000 bond. An arrest warrant has been issued for Karl Kloeppel. Over a pound of methamphetamine was seized during the arrest on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Reports Taken	Apr	May	June	July
Alcohol violations	5	2	2	3
Assaults	5	2	11	4
Burglaries	2	2	3	3
Controlled Substances	5	7	4	2
Criminal Mischief	20	13	7	7
Disorderly Conduct	5	3	4	3
Disturbing the Peace	19	14	18	21
DUI	0	2	2	5
FTA	3	3	1	0
Harassment	15	18	8	4
Thefts	20	26	7	18
Trespass	9	12	11	6

July is always a busy month. The activity is not typically reflected in calls for service, at the patrol level, but is found with increased activity around July 4<sup>th</sup> and Cattlemen's Day events. Providing security, traffic control and generally being present and visible.

Shane Gibson's last day with the city was August 2<sup>nd</sup> as he is moving to Connecticut. So the department has a patrol officer opening and is in the hiring process. Hiring typically takes a couple months to complete the application and testing process. Communication also has an opening as of August 5<sup>th</sup>. David Kosin turned in his resignation prior to completing the training program. We wish Davis well in his future endeavors. The Communications potion is not for everyone and although the testing does a good job of selecting potential candidates, until you set in the chair for 10 hours you have no real understanding of the stress and complexity of the job. The dispatchers working in that position deserve more recognition than they often times get.

Several meeting were held in July in preparation for upgrading all emergency radios in the county. The major change was reprograming the radios to operate on a narrower radio frequency band than previously used. This was to meet federal requirements and we have been moving in this direction for several years. With the change the new Regional Law Frequency was finalized. This will allow users of the frequency to talk from Mt Crested Butte to Lake City and everyone in between can hear the traffic. Should help communications deal with emergencies more effectively because user will have an

understanding of what is going on outside of their personal jurisdiction. With all the user groups we also established a broader selection of radio channels to use and procedures for radio use. The actual radio programming is happening August 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> with everyone switching over a few weeks later following some training opportunities.

I already indicated that July is busy for patrol but communications sees the impact with actual increases in calls. Activity throughout the area picks up as the summer tourist season picks up. Sometimes though the numbers don't truly reflect what is entailed.

Looking at EMD Calls, which stands for Emergency Medical Dispatching, July saw 29 EMD calls that represent 5 hours of a dispatcher's time during the month. The dispatchers take many calls evaluate the callers request, concern or emergency and send the proper response. When the caller is reporting a medical emergency and the patient is present then the EMD process starts. This can be a few minutes in the case of being close to a town so that law enforcement or medical personnel are on scene right away to several hours if the caller is in one of the remote areas of the county. Once a dispatcher starts the EMD process they are committed to continue it until emergency personnel are on scene. The dispatchers work from a series of prepared instructional cards that help the caller identify the persons medical condition, provide emergency treatment and direction prior to help arriving. These cards address anything from minor cuts to heart attacks, electrocutions, child birth, etc. What isn't reflected on the card is the personal caring that goes on many times between the caller and the dispatcher, particularly when the caller is a family member.

	April	May	June	July
Ambulance Pages	98	92	133	154
Fire Pages	41	29	42	46
EMD calls	14	11	24	29
9-1-1 Calls	367	413	552	pending
Admin	11020	11778	11718	13638
Search and Rescue Calls	2	3	5	8

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